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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO EXBD

1. PERMDEL HAS RECEIVED TUNISIAN PERMDEL NOTE REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR ELECTION OF TUNISIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MAHMOND MESSADI TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD SEAT NOW HELD BY ALGERIA. NOTE CITES FACT TUNISIA HAS NEVER BEEN ON EXBD.

2. HOWEVER, ALGERIAN PERMREP (DERRADJI) AND PRESIDENT OF ARAB GROUP ADVISED DELOFF THAT GROUP HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED ALGERIAN AND LEBANESE EXBD MEMBERS WHOSE FOUR-YEAR TERMS EXPIRE AT END OF 1974. ACCORDING TO DERRADJI, ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT STILL NOT COMMITTED TO VACATE SEAT AND MIGHT EVEN DECIDE TO NOMINATE SUCCESSOR TO ALGERIAN INCUMBENT.

3. TUNISIAN PERMREP (SAID) DEPARTED ON TRIP BEFORE PERMDEL COULD DISCUSS MESSADI CANDIDACY FURTHER. HOWEVER, HE AND ALGERIAN PERMREP HAVE SEPARATELY INDICATED THAT IRAQ AND JORDAN MAY ALSO SEEK EXBD SEATS.

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4. IN VIEW FOREGOING AND POSSIBILITY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

BEFORE EXBD ELECTIONS AT UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER, PERMDEL PROPOSES TO SEND TUNISIAN PERMREP ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THEIR NOTE AND LIMIT COMMENT TO ASSURANCE THAT MESSADI CANDIDACY WILL BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS AWAITING FURTHER CLARIFICATION RE ARAB CANDIDATES BEFORE COMMITTING US SUPPORT.

5. FYI TUNIS: UNESCO EXBD IS 40 MEMBER STATE BODY WHICH MEETS SEMI-ANNUALLY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNESCO BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROVAL. SEAT ON EXBD PARTICULARLY VALUED BY LDC'S BECAUSE OF EXBD'S INFLUENCE ON CHOICE OF UNESCO PROJECTS -- WHICH FOCUSED LARGELY IN LDC'S -- AND PRESTIGE ACCRUING TO BOTH COUNTRY AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.

6. TEXT OF MESSADI CURRICULUM VITAE BEING POUCHED.
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